(b) In so far as Central Government hospitals in Delhi are concerned, no doctor has boycotted the decision. The Postgraduage Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh has reported that there was some aprehensions among the junior doctors. However, the evening OPD is functioning normally with Sr. doctors and other staff.

(c) For effective and successful running of evening OPD, action has been initiated for redeployment of existing staff/creation of additional posts, if necessary.

(d) The evening OPD is fully operational in Central Government run hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh.

Loss in PTL

559. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Praga Tools Limited (PTL), Hyderabad is running in losses;

(b) whether there is any demand from its employees and workers to transfer it to the Ministry of Defence; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various representations requesting for transfer of administrative control of Praga Tools Limited (PTL), from the Department of Heavy Industry to the Ministry of Defence have been received from time to time. The matter was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence. Such a transfer was not found feasible.

Restructuring plan for Praga Tools Ltd.

560. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had in the recent past approved restructuring plan for Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL), a PSU in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the restructuring of PTL?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Government approved a part restructuring plan of Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) in 1998. The following assistance was to be provided as per the plan.

1) Equity support for Rs. 10.49 crore towards reimbursement of cash losses.

2) Rs. 9.95 crore by way of equity for payment of statutory dues.

3) NRF support of Rs. 8.55 crore for manpower rationalization.

4) Government guarantee in favour of State Bank of Hyderabad to cover their entire exposure amounting to Rs. 36.47 crore.

(c) The above assistance has already been provided to PTL.

Sickness in CPSUs

†561. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial sickness in Central undertakings in increasing year after year;

(b) if so, the number of undertakings found sick and running in losses as on 31st January, 2003; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring about improvement in their functioning or to close down them?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The number of industrial sick Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.